

REMARKS

Claims 20, 21, 24, 29, 33-36, and 53-64 are now pending.

The accompanying Request for Continued Examination is being submitted instead of paying the Issue Fee, so as to permit entry of new claims of additional scope. Thus claims 20-21, 24, 29, and 33-36 having been examined and deemed allowable; claim 53 is directed to the washing steps of allowed claim 20, with dependent claims 54-59 corresponding to claims 21, 24, and 33-36; and claim 60 is directed to the washing solutions employed in claim 20 (53), with dependent claims 61-64 corresponding to claims 21, 24, 34, and 36 (54, 55, 57, and 59).

Respectfully submitted,



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